

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Tara Ziolo et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
Examiner: Steven J. Cotroneo  
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**RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed June 11, 2010 and the final Office Action mailed February 12, 2010, please consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.